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CONCENTRATION AND INTEGRATION OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE COMMISSION

(Commission decision A(XXXIX))

Report by the Executive Secretary

1. This report has been prepared pursuant to decision A(XXXIX), by which the Commission:

"2. Requests the Principal Subsidiary Bodies concerned to examine at their regular meetings, when considering their programe of work, the proposals of the Executive Secretary relevant to their programmes of work contained in the first part of the report E/ECE/1070 and its annexes and to submit their recommendations and opinions thereon;

"3. Invites member Governments to submit proposals to improve the efficiency of the work of the Sessional Committee, within its existing mandate, with a view to, inter alia, improving the co-ordination of cross-sectoral questions and the concentration and integration of the programme of work and requests the Executive Secretary to report thereon together with his views on the subject;

"4. Requests the Executive Secretary to convene an ad hoc group, at an appropriate moment before the fortieth session, in order to examine:

a) The report of the Executive Secretary on the proposals of member Governments concerning the improvement of the efficiency of the Sessional Committee, and his views on the subject;

b) The recommendations and opinions of the Principal Subsidiary Bodies on the adaptation of their programmes of work and the proposals of the Executive Secretary contained in the first part of his report E/ECE/1070 and its annexes;

"5. Requests the Executive Secretary to undertake an evaluation of the impact and usefulness of ECE publications to Governments and to submit a report to the Commission at its fortieth session; and

"6. Decides to revert at its fortieth session to the question of the concentration and integration of the activities of the Commission taking into account, inter alia, the report of the ad hoc Group."

2. With respect to paragraph 2, the Principal Subsidiary Bodies and other bodies reporting to the Commission have undertaken an examination of the proposals of the Executive Secretary relevant to their programmes of work as contained in document E/ECE/1070 and annexes thereto. Their recommendations and opinions are reproduced in documents ECE/AC.15/R.2, and Add. 1 and Add. 6. Additional information on the proposals contained in certain annexes to E/ECE/1070 is provided in documents ECE/AC.15/R.2, and Adda. 2-5.

3. In implementation of paragraph 3, the Executive Secretary, in a letter dated 29 June 1984, requested member Governments to submit proposals to improve the efficiency of the work of the Sessional Committee as a basis for the preparation of the report called for therein. The report of the Executive Secretary together with his views on the subject are contained in document ECE/AC.15/R.1 and Add. 1.

4. In accordance with paragraph 4, the Executive Secretary convened a meeting of an ad hoc Group on Concentration and Integration of the Programme of Work of the Commission from 4-8 February 1985. Since this meeting did not take place, the Commission may wish, pursuant to operative paragraph 9 of Commission resolution 5(XXIV), to allocate the business of the ad hoc Group to the Sessional Committee.

5. The report of the Executive Secretary requested in paragraph 5, is contained in document E/ECE/1090.